

The Colonial Empire.

About once a year the Colonial question is dragged before an indifferent British public. This year the thankless task devolved upon Mr. Macfie, who, in the House of Commons, on the 12th ultimo, moved for a Select Committee to consider how best to establish a cordial intercourse between all parts of the Empire. Dividing the colonies into three groups—the North American, Australasian, and South African—he illustrated their feelings of deep loyalty to the mother country, alluded to their complaints, dwelt upon their aspirations for a closer connexion on a footing of equality, giving copious extracts from newspapers, pamphlets, &c. Tracing the course of the various streams of emigration, he expressed regret that so large a number of emigrants had betaken themselves to the United States, when, by wise statesmanship, they might have been diverted to the British Colonies, and thus have added to the strength of the Empire. Much of this want of foresight he attributed to the frequent changes in the Colonial Office, and he expressed regret that the head of that department was not assisted by a competent advising Board. He concluded by recommending a conference of the principal colonies, and dwelt upon the importance of the grand scheme of confederation. Sir H. Verney seconded Mr. Macfie's motion, but does not appear to have thought it worth his while to make any remarks. Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Under Secretary, on behalf of the Colonial Office, spoke in glowing language of the Imperial value of the Colonies as monuments of the enterprise and greatness of England, and admitted that though it might be difficult to point to the pecuniary gain of each colony, the aggregate possession of them added to the material weight of the parent Empire in the councils of Europe. To Mr. Macfie's motion, however, he objected. The Colonial Office—the present constitution and administration of which he warmly eulogized (which was extremely modest considering the position he himself occupies in it)—he claimed to be neither more or less than a standing committee, which was in intimate and constant communication with all the colonies. The policy of the Imperial Government was to preserve a connexion between the mother country and the colonies, based on mutual goodwill and affection. If the time should come when a colony desired a separate existence it was the aim of the Colonial Office that the parting should be not without regret, but with a clear knowledge that no act of the Imperial authorities led to separation. As to the proposed conference, he said that an idea of the sort had often floated before his eyes, but it must be left to the distant future (Why?) for development. After a few weedy remarks from several members, chiefly complimenting the Under Secretary upon the fervor with which he praised his own department, Mr. Macfie withdrew his motion. Why? Alluding to it, the Times says: 'Mr. Macfie was sure of an echo to the terms of his motion from every heart in the kingdom, for it is a matter of course that we should all have before us the vision of a real Colonial Empire.' We hesitate not to tell the Times and Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen that so long as the parent Empire is content with enacting this annual colonial farce which appears to serve no more practical purpose than that of affording the Colonial Office an opportunity to sound its own praises, nothing more real than 'floating visions' of a Colonial Empire will ever be seen, unless that vision should haply be the ghost of departed Colonial Empire! There has been altogether too much of 'floating visions' and empty 'echoes' in connection with this subject. Great Britain must rise to the great duty of colonization, as a broad national scheme, if she would ever hope to see anything more substantial than 'floating visions' of a Colonial Empire. There is no desire to withhold from the Imperial authorities whatever measure of credit may be due for the part they have taken in the formation of an Empire on this continent; but it must be remembered that as yet there is only the skeleton. It rests in great part with the mother country to supply the flesh—the muscle. And of that essential commodity she has millions going to waste—to waste than waste. This is her duty—the flood-tide of her opportunity, which if neglected can never recur!

The Map Business.

As a sort of set-off to the Fremont map, on which the boundary line is traced through the Rosario channel, it is asserted that there is in the possession of the American authorities a British map on which the boundary line is traced through the Haro channel. Of course the former map can only have an important bearing upon the territorial dispute as being an official one, prepared and published under the authority of the U. S. Government. Unless this can be proved it will be of little or no value. There would not appear to be much difficulty in proving this. Colonel Fremont was acting in an official capacity, and if the result of his labors was published by authority, as it professes to have been, the fact will be easily proved

by living men and existing documents. That once established, a terribly strong case would be made out. Of course it would be very awkward if, on the other hand, a map could be produced which had been prepared at the direction of the British Government and bore the authoritative impress of that Government, and proved to be such. But, then, one of Arrowsmith's school-maps would not answer the purpose. Such maps may do very well to talk about, but they would scarcely be admitted as evidence in the case in hand.

SUMMER GOODS.—A B Gray has received per steamer Pacific a large assortment of goods suitable for the present season, comprising Muslins, Prints, Hollands, Brilliants, Alpaca, Luce, Barege and Wool Shawls, Silk, Cloth and Hosiery, Ribbons, Flowers, Silk and Cambric Sunshades, Linens, Cottons, Hosiery, Ribbons, Laces, &c., &c. Government Street, May, 1871.

New Advertisements.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. A MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TOWARDS THE REBUILDING OF THE CHURCH will be held at Angela College THIS DAY, Wednesday 21st June, at 7 o'clock, p.m. By order, H. P. CREASE, Hon'y Sec'y.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL, Black Building, cor. Fort and Douglas Sts., VICTORIA, B. C. J. LAUREY HOSKING, Proprietress.

THIS DELICIOUSLY SITUATED and well furnished establishment provides all the comforts of a well conducted home for the public generally and particularly for FAMILIES. The TABLE is supplied with the best the Market affords.

Board and Lodging per Week.....\$6.50
Board and Lodging per Day.....\$1.00
Board per Week.....\$5.00

Lumley Franklin.

AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION J. REAL ESTATE AGENT.

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co's Express Office, having had eleven years' experience in the same business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public support.

Preliminary Notice.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN

Will hold a Sale of Merchandise

Consisting of Groceries, Provisions, Ale, and Wines and other Goods on TUESDAY 27th of June, 1871, at Salesroom, Yates st. at 11 o'clock, a.m. Particulars of which will be published in a few days.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

INTENDING PASSENGERS BY THE CALIFORNIA for Portland must leave THIS DAY by the steamer Olympia at 10.30 a.m. in order to connect with the California for Portland.

R. B. BRODRICK, Agent.

A CARD.

THE UNDERSIGNED TENDERS HIS sincere thanks to the business men of Victoria and citizens generally for the courtesy extended to him personally and for the liberal aid rendered to the noble cause which he has the honor to represent in the interest of the youth of this coast.

DANA C. FRANKSON, Je20 Agent for the Dial Pub. Co. San Fco.

THEATRE ROYAL

BARKER'S

GREAT PANORAMA

OF THE

FOUR RIVERS OF THE WEST

will be exhibited for the FIRST TIME on

MONDAY EVENING, June 26th,

Commencing at 8 1/2 o'clock.

HIS PANORAMA comprises Views of

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

CALIFORNIA,

OREGON

And ALASKAN SCENERY.

The artist has carefully sketched the leading characteristics of the localities represented, and trusts that the visitor will find in the Panorama much that will prove interesting and profitable.

Admission: Dress Circle or Parquet \$1; Pit 50 cents. Reserved Seats 25 cents extra.

The Box Office will be open for the sale of Seats on Saturday the 24th and Monday the 26th inst. from 10 till 3 o'clock.

Hurrah for Dominion Day.

THE ANNUAL PARADE & PICNIC

OF THE

VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Will take place on MONDAY July 1st at Mead's Grove. A platform will be erected and an efficient Quadrille Band will be in attendance during the day and evening, and Athletic sports and games will form a part of the Amusement, a programme of which will appear in a few days.

The following named gentlemen have been appointed a GENERAL COMMITTEE

Mr. John Dickson, President VFD; Mr. Simon Duck, Chief Engineer VFD; Mr. F. G. Richards, Assistant Engineer VFD.

James H. & L. Co. No. 1—Chas. F. Bunting, Foreman; Mr. J. Vaughan, 1st Assistant; Mr. Huxtable, 2nd Assistant.

DELICIOUS ENGINE CO. No. 1—Mr. John Court, Foreman; Mr. Frank Saunders, 1st Assistant; William Harrison, 2nd Assistant.

THOMAS ENGINE CO. No. 2—Mr. James Orr, Foreman; Mr. Brian Simpson, 1st Assistant; Mr. Charles Lombard, 2nd Assistant.

TICKETS—ONE DOLLAR EACH; Ladies, and Children under 12 years of age, free.

Every exertion will be made by the Committee to make this the greatest picnic of the season.

LIST OF GAMES:

1 Standing Long Jump, without weights. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

2 Running Long Jump, without weights. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

3 Standing High Jump, without weights. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

4 Running High Jump, without weights. Entrance 50c. Prize \$5.00.

5 Hop, Skip and Jump. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

6 Throwing Heavy Shot. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

7 Throwing Heavy Hammer. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

8 Foot Race, 100 yards. Entrance 50c. 1st prize \$5.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

9 Foot Race, 200 yards. Entrance 50c. 1st prize \$10.00, 2nd prize \$2.00.

10 Foot Race, 400 yards. Entrance free. 1st prize \$5.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

11 Foot Race for boys under 15 years. 75 yards. Entrance 25c. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

12 Throwing Legged Race, 100 yards. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

13 Foot Race for girls under 12 years. 75 yards. Entrance free. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

14 Foot Race, 75 yards. Entrance 25c. Prize \$2.00.

15 Catching Fire by grassy field. Prize, 1st prize \$5.00, 2nd prize \$1.00, no catches, no value.

16 Foot Race for girls under 12 years. Entrance free. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

17 Foot Race for girls under 12 years. Entrance free. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

18 Foot Race for girls under 12 years. Entrance free. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

19 Foot Race for girls under 12 years. Entrance free. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

20 Foot Race for girls under 12 years. Entrance free. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

New Advertisements.

For Skeena River.

THE STEAMER EMILY HARRIS, Capt. Harris, will sail for Skeena River, for the highest point of navigation, at an early date.

For Freight or Passage apply on board, or at the office of the undersigned, Sprout's wharf.

JAMES FRANK.

MRS. R. W. TURNER.

MILINER AND DRESSMAKER.

North Park street near the Catholic Church.

CUTTING AND FITTING DONE

on the most reasonable terms.

Instructions given in Cutting and Fitting Dresses, Skirts, Suits, &c. by the latest improved and best Diagrams now in use. Ladies wishing to learn the art, could do well to call and see the diagrams, by which means they can be taught in a week the work of months.

Special attention paid to bleaching and dressing straw Goods. North Park street, near the Catholic Church, Victoria, B. C.

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SUMMER ARRANGEMENT!



Barnard's STAGES

Make the Best Time!

Drive the Best Stock!

Use the Best Coaches!!

Have Most Competent Drivers!!

Carry Most Passengers!!!

Do the Largest Business!!!

AND GUARANTEE TO CONNECT WITHOUT

LOSS OF TIME, WITH THE STEAMERS AT EACH END.

Leave Victoria - - Fridays - - 10 a.m.

Yale - - Mondays - - 6 a.m.

Arrive at Barkerville on Friday

following at - - - - 6 p.m.

RETURNING

Leave Barkerville, Mondays - - 6 a.m.

Arrive at Yale, Thursdays - - 6 p.m.

Arrive at Victoria, Saturdays - - 4 p.m.

Four Days Ahead

H. M. MAILS.

REMEMBER THIS

Travelers by the Fast Line save

from \$10 to \$20 Expenses by not loitering on the road as the others do.

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

OMINECA MINES.

Promis & Saunders.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Grocers, Provision Dealers, &

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

BEST ASSORTMENT OF PARTIES REQUIRING

a stock of Goods for the Omineca Mines that they hold the largest, most complete and best assorted stock of the Colony, and are prepared to sell at the lowest possible wholesale prices.

All articles warranted Genuine and of a superior quality. We invite inspection of our stock previous to purchasing elsewhere.

Goods delivered free of Charge.

PROMIS & SAUNDERS, Juniors St. opp the King's

R. F. Pickett & Co

OFFER FOR SALE

PER 'OCEAN PEARL'

THE FOLLOWING

Desirable Goods:

2 bbls Celebrated Cutter Whisky

100 lbs Smith, Lucy & Co's Soap, 20 lbs each

26 chests U.S. Tea

10 bales Salt, 5 lb bags

10 doz No. 2 Extra Brooms

20 doz No. 3 do do

Etc., Etc.

Notice to Contractors.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UN-

New Advertisements

St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society.

TENDERS.

TENDERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE

Exclusive Privilege of the sale of Liquors, Cigars, Ginger Beer, Lemonade and Soda Water on the Picnic Grounds, on the 4th July.

TENDERS are requested for the Exclusive Privilege of the sale of refreshments, excepting Liquors, Ginger Beer, Lemonade and Soda Water, on the Picnic Grounds, on the 4th July.

TENDERS are requested for the erection of a Platform for Dancing and Grand Stand, specifications of which may be seen at Mr. W. P. Hayward's office.

Separate tenders for the foregoing will be received up to noon on the 24th inst.

Address: St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Box No 47, Post Office.

By Order, J. W. LAWSON, Sec.

RAFFLE.

150 Chances at \$3 Each.

THE PAIR OF GRAND MARBLE VASES

and GROUP OF THREE GRACES will be raffled at the Colonial Hotel as soon as all the chances are taken.

The highest throw to win the Vases, and the next highest the Group.

MONEY TO LOAN

At LOW RATES ON FIRST CLASS

Security, repayable by installments

Houses and Farms to be Let

Town and Country Property for Sale on easy Terms

Purchase THOS. ALLSOP, Land Agent, ap15 3c

BOATS FOR HIRE.

PLEASURE BOATS OF ALL KINDS FOR

Hire by C. LEVY, At the Johnson street Ferry.

WANTED.

A GOOD COOK FOR THE STEAMER

Apply Sir James Douglas, ON BOARD, Victoria, June 12, 1871.

RIFLE LOST

On Thursday Evening, between Can-

adova Bay (Cedar Hill Road) and Bow-

man's Stables, a BREECH-LOADING

RIFLE in a leather case marked F.H.

Lamb. If the finder will send the Rifle

to the TELEGRAPH OFFICE he will be

handsomely rewarded.

Shipping.

Freight taken at Lowest

Rates!

DISPATCH LINE!

For Victoria, B. C.

THE NEW CLIPPER SCHOONER

LOVET PEACOCK,

Will sail for the above port on the 1st July, full or not full.

For freight or passage apply to

COGHILL & HARRISON

315 Front street San Francisco

Or to C. T. MILLARD, Agent, Wharf street Victoria.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT.

THE STEAMER

PRINCE ALFRED,

CAPT. SCHOLL,

Will sail for San Francisco direct, from Esquimalt on

about Thursday next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

R. BRODRICK & Co, Wharf St

Seamen Wanted.

A. H. SEAMEN FOR THE BARK

Atlanta for Sydney, and the bark Carlo for Val-

paraiso. Apply to J. NAGLE, Shipping Agent.

Bark Carib, fm San Francisco.

NEITHER CAPTAIN SUTHERLAND

nor the agents of this ship will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of the above vessel.

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Ship Dashing Wave, fm San Francisco

NEITHER CAPT LAWRENCE

nor the agents of this ship will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew

Victoria, V. I. May 17, 1871. my18 t

FOR YALE AND INTERMEDIATE

LANDINGS ON FRASER RIVER.

STEAMER

LILLOOET

Will leave NEW WESTMINSTER on Wednesdays and Saturdays, until further notice.

N.B.—The above steamer will not be responsible for any loss of goods shipped in this or glass. my18 t

EX PRINCE ALFRED

AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS

In Bond or in Store.

CONGO,

U. S.

JAPAN

and BASKET TEA

ABSINTHE

CLARET

BURGUNDY

CAL WHITE WINE

BOKER'S BITTERS

CHAMPAGNE

RAISINS in full halves & quarter boxes

Eastern Oregon and Cal LARD.

CLEAR LAKE CHEESE

EASTERN DRIED APPLES

DYER'S, FAY Mottled & Castile Soap

CHINA & Sandwich Islands Rice

C. STROUSS,

Commercial Row, Wharf Street.

Again in the Field.

A H FRANCIS

HAS TAKEN THE STORE ON FORT

street adjoining the TEMPERANCE HOTEL, known as the BEY-HIVE, where he would be exceedingly happy to accommodate his old customers & all others who may deem him worthy their patronage. In view of his sad losses, and the heavy pressure brought to bear upon him arising out of it, he hopes the public will not overlook him.

On hand as usual—

GROCERIES, GRAIN, FLOUR, FEED

FRUIT, BACON BUTTER,

&c., &c. CHEAP FOR

OASH.

SUPERIOR HAVANA CIGARS and Tobacco,

Applied by the box. Fresh Milk from the best Dairies constantly on hand.

COUNTRY PRODUCE bought for cash or taken in exchange for goods

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A. H. FRANCIS

New Advertisements

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE

COMPANY,

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Wednesday Morning, June 21, 1871.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

June 20.—Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend
Str Isabel, S. Port Townsend
Schr Alert, McKay, West Coast
Sip Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan

CLEARED.

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Schr Alert, McKay, West Coast
Sip Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan

NEWS! NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only newspaper published at Victoria that receives the latest telegraphic dispatches, as a comparison will prove. Late Telegrams appearing in any other paper are copied without credit 24 hours after they have appeared in the British Colonist. The circulation of the British Colonist being greater than that of any other paper, it offers the best medium to Advertisers.

Municipal Council.

TUESDAY, June 21, 1871.

Council met at 8 p.m. Present—His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Carey, McMillan, Heathorn, Spencer.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from residents of Pioneer street complaining that a survey had been made of that street without the signers being consulted.

A communication was read by the Clerk from L. Lowenberg in reply to several notices from the Clerk in regard to sidewalks.

ACCOUNTS.

From F. W. Green for settling boundaries to corners of certain streets, \$5 50. From W. R. Sawyer for lumber, \$216 62.

Referred to the Finance Committee for payment.

Also an account from Thomas Hall for hay and drayage, \$7 50, which was ordered paid.

STREETS.

Communication from residents of Broughton street, offering to pay \$60 towards grading and graveling that street.

Deferred till the end of August.

Coun Carey drew attention of the Council to the fact that an error had been made in awarding the contract for grading and graveling Quebec street to Abel Beswick, as Mr. Nicholson was the lowest bidder for the amount of work offered to be done.

The Mayor instructed the Clerk to notify Mr. Beswick to suspend operations on said street until the matter was investigated by the Street Committee.

Adjourned.

THE DYING SPOUTER.—As the whale, when fatally struck, is said to spout and blow and lash the water harder than ever before in his life, so the Communist, feeling the pangs of approaching dissolution, has commenced to "spout his horn" and make a tremendous splash before getting ready to "pass in his checks." Consequently his leading column of yesterday is filled with the silliest stock-phrases about paying bills, largest circulation, biggest paper, greatest influence, unexampled prosperity, cheap advertising rates, leading journal, people's organ, and so forth, and so forth! This is all very pretty and sounds very well in strange ears; but we have only to refer to the Communist organ of the 20th December last to find him spouting and blowing in the same absurd style about wonderful prosperity and unexampled success, and yet within two weeks thereafter he reduced the amount of telegraphic news from 2000 words to 600 words per day, and sold one half of his prosperous, leading, influential, paying journal to a local Capitalist for the modicum of \$1500!!! That, of course, was an evidence of heightened prosperity and stability—but it is the same evidence that the whale gives when about to yield up his blubber. Speaking of circulation, we are credibly informed the Standard is now reduced to two steady readers. They are the editor and his proof-reader. The latter is nearly crazed by the amount of nonsense and twaddle he is paid (?) to wade through; and as for the editor—well, the shingles of his mental roof have been loose and flapping for many days.

OBSCUROUSNESS.—Admiral Winslow of the U. S. Navy has been visiting the various towns on Puget Sound and has everywhere met with that respectful attention to which his position and distinguished services entitle him. His movements are minutely chronicled in the local newspapers, even to a quiet walk through town or attendance upon Divine Service. With all this we have not the least desire, even had we the right, to find fault; but our Republican neighbors must excuse us if we take the present occasion to remind them of their proneness to regard obscurity, if we may be permitted to so call it, as something peculiar to a monarchical form of Government. In our country the movements of an Admiral are not commonly chronicled in the public press with that minuteness to which we have referred.

THE OGDEN POINT LAND.—Before the Chief Justice in Chambers on Monday, Mr. McCroight, instructed by Mr. Johnson, moved to require the Acting Attorney General to make affidavit as to all documents in his possession relating to the land occupied by Dr. Trimble. The Chief Justice said the Crown ought to procure everything bearing upon the case, but he did not think he had the power to compel the affidavit, unless, however, the Acting Attorney General did produce all documents bearing upon the case. The proceedings would be stayed until full discovery was given and the documents produced.

GOVERNMENTAL MOVEMENTS.—Governor Musgrave will leave on or pretty close on the 28th proximo for home. H. M. S. Sparrowhawk has been placed at the Governor's disposal and will carry His Excellency and family to San Francisco, where they will take the rail for the Eastern side. It is highly probable that the Sparrowhawk, on her return, will bring the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, should he not have arrived before. It will be seen by this that the Proclamation of Union will be made by Governor Musgrave.

THE NORTH PACIFIC may be looked for at any moment. She must have experienced a rare old buffeting from the Nor'wester.

Overflowing its Banks.

Should the waters of the Columbia River continue to rise, the people dwelling on its banks may yet find practical use for the peculiarities attributed to them. The Oregonian of the 16th has the following account of the aqueous prospect:—"Just at present, the stage of water, the rate at which it is rising, and how long it is likely to continue to rise, are questions which interest almost everybody in the city; for the last two or three days the rise has been at the rate of about 12 inches every twenty-four hours. Last evening the stage was not yet quite as high as in 1866, and it lacked about four feet of being up to the highest mark of 1862. News from the Dalles was to the effect that the Columbia at that place was rising at the rate of an inch per hour, and the people were moving out of the houses in the lower part of the town to higher ground toward the bluff or into their second stories. At this city the water last evening was within a few inches of covering North Front street at the foot of F street, below that point the street is all under. A rise of a few inches more will prevent the passage of heavy teams, at least to the new dock or to the F street ferry landing, not because of depth of water, but because the street filling there is mostly saw dust and shavings, which will be soft as soon as covered with water as to be miry. The merchants and dock men at the north end are preparing already—many of them—for the flooding of their floors. With a foot greater rise Schenck's saloon and the new Railroad office floors will be covered. The water already runs around the street side of the gas works. At East Portland the flood is likely to be troublesome also. The J street bridge is hardly anywhere more than a foot out of water, and a foot higher water will submerge some of the floors fronting on the bridge. The railroad between the long trestle bridge and the Brooklyn creek is mostly under water, some places being deep enough to put out the flues of the locomotives as they run through it. From all advices from the snow covered mountain regions, whence comes all this flood, it may be reasonably concluded that there will yet be a considerable rise. Many who have lived in the country from its early settlement predict that there will be yet three or four feet higher water than now. The question of water, therefore, which most interests people in all the lower parts of the city is not so much what the Water Company charges for water, but how high is the flood going to be."

OWINGING EXTRAORDINARY.—The editor of the Oregon Statesman having ventured to publish an article censuring the Superintendent of the Penitentiary for the escape of a convict, the Superintendent shot him in the side. The editor was taken home and the Superintendent walked away unmolested.

DOMINION DAY.—The least that could be done on Dominion Day would be to fire a salute. The Civic authorities ought to take the initiative; and if they have not the power to make the expenditure, surely there is sufficient patriotism among our people to subscribe the necessary funds. Let us have a salute if we have nothing else.

CARPENTERS have been called in to repair the flooring of the Police Court and Magistrate's rooms, the supports of which were attacked with dry rot and had become absolutely dangerous. The Police Barracks will be put in a complete state of repair during the coming thirty days.

FRIGHTENING UP THE COLUMBIA SUPREMACY.—News having been received by the O. S. N. Co. that their landing at the Dalles, as well as a portion of the railroad, is under water, orders have been issued to receive no more freight for transportation up the Columbia.

The steamer Sir James Douglas sailed at 7 yesterday morning for Nanaimo and way ports with the following passengers: Mrs. Stannard, Messrs S. D. Levi, A. Mayer, Jas. Graham, and several Naval gentlemen with servants, who have gone on a touring trip.

CHURCH BUILDING.—We desire to direct the reader's attention to an advertisement in another column, calling a meeting of subscribers to the Christ Church Cathedral building fund.

THE CONSTANTINE was libelled at Portland by a merchant whose goods were damaged on the last trip. The ship gave bonds and was released.

THE ZALOUS, in passing up the harbor of San Francisco to her moorings, fired a salute which was promptly returned by Fort Alcatraz.

THE NORTH PACIFIC'S Passenger List numbers 128. A list of the cabiniers will be found under our Exclusive Dispatch.

THREE operators in stocks at San Francisco made fortunes in one week by the recent rise in Crown Point.

ITEM FOR THE COMMUNIT.—Messrs Helms and Nathan yesterday drove through the country districts.

THE FRASER reached its highest stage yesterday.

POLICE COURT.—The record yesterday was—

The Enterprise is due Thursday morning.

The Longest Day.—To-day.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Mexico.

New York, June 17.—City of Mexico dates to June 6th are received. The insurgents at Tampico refuse to let families leave their houses, and in consequence great suffering is experienced.

The American Consul requested the besiegers not to fire on the city but the request was not granted.

The President has ordered Gen. Roche to do something towards saving women, children and old men.

Congress has been called in extra session on June 9th.

Last night a truce of 24 hours was arranged between the rebels at Tampico and General Roche, commanding the besieged forces, to let families leave the city.

stormed this morning at 4 o'clock and was taken at the point of the bayonet. All the insurgents were either killed, wounded or captured. The federal army is all right and well.

Yellow fever is raging at Vera Cruz.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—The eastern correspondents' party, including Mrs. A. D. Richardson, Mrs. Sinclair and daughter, Packard and Bryant start east overland to-day.

Arrived.—Ship Marmion, Pt. Madison. Bark Buena Vista, Pt. Gamble, Bark Moneynick, Seattle. Bark Amethyst, Bellingham Bay. Str. Constantine, Portland. Bark Osmyn Pt. Madison. Bark Somerset, Tacoma.

Cleared.—Bark Oakland, Pt. Madison. Flour—Unchanged and inactive.

Wheat—More active and weaker, \$2 40 @ \$2 30.

Barley—500 sks feed at \$1 65. 400 sks choice do. \$1 75. For brewing \$1 82½ has been offered.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—Parker Fogg, well known in this city and Stockton, died in Boston on the 7th inst.

The steamship City of Melbourne will sail at noon to-morrow. The Moses Taylor is not yet telegraphed.

A protest against the renomination of Gov. Haight is being signed to a limited extent in this city.

Weather very foggy.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The board over which Gen. Schofield will preside is to be convened at San Francisco on the 5th of July, for the examination of such disabled officers as may be brought before it for retirement.

It is reliably stated that the President yesterday gave instructions to the Secretary of the Interior to restore McGarrahan's record to the condition it was in before it was mutilated.

New York, June 19.—A special from Washington says the President last week instructed the Secretary of the Interior to proceed with the McGarrahan claim in accordance with the suggestions contained in the resolutions passed by the House last February.

China.

HONG KONG, June 18.—News of the fight between the American expedition and the Chinese causes much excitement among foreigners here. Dispatches from Washington are anxiously looked for, as it is expected Admiral Rogers will continue his operations unless he receives orders to the contrary.

British Columbia.

YALE, June 20.—River very high—higher than it has been since '66. The road is overflowed in several places between Yale and Lytton. There is 16 feet of water at the 19 mile post. Fears are entertained for the safety of Boston Bar Bridge.

The Alexandra Bridge is closed for repairs. River falling slightly. Weather very warm.

Europe.

PARIS, June 18.—It is reliably stated that Jules Favre is appointed Minister to Washington, in place of Frihaud who returns to France.

The Republican journals have united in a manifesto in answer to the electoral programme of the Monarchical press. They declare that a Republic is the only rational and legitimate expression of national sovereignty—Monarchy implies its abdication. They will give their support only to candidates pledged to maintain the status quo.

The French loan will be issued on the 26th inst, if the Assembly passes a bill authorizing it before that date.

La Verite say the siege will be raised on the 25th.

The Duke de Chartres is a candidate for the Assembly in Lavendoucourt.

Burgess has been appointed Minister to the Hague.

It is rumored that Cluseret has been arrested.

Crowds of visitors are arriving by rail. Business is improving, and the city is healthy.

The official journal abuses strangely a portion of the British press for hostility to France, stigmatises their misrepresentations as cold-blooded and cowardly and charges some writers with being bribed both during and since the war.

The German troops have evacuated Chantilly.

BRUSSELS, June 18.—The churches and many houses are illuminated to-night in honor of the Papal anniversary, but the celebration is accompanied with some disorder. Violent anti-Papal demonstrations are made by large crowds, who pass through the streets and smash the illuminated windows.

LONDON, June 18.—The Observer announces that Professor Montague Bernard, late of the Joint High Commission, will soon enter the Privy Council.

The report that Disraeli is to be deposed from the leadership of the Opposition is untrue.

The Prussians have evacuated Rouen and 8000 have left St. Denis and Gisors.

PARIS, June 19.—There are indications of a renewal of the insurrection. Numbers of working men openly insult the soldiers and attempt their assassination, and incendiaries have been at work during the last two days.

Twenty-nine officers of the Commune have been arrested. Half of them foreigners.

LONDON, June 19.—The Emperor goes to meet the Czar to-morrow.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Minister Washburn has obtained leave of absence and will spend some time at Carlsbad for the benefit of his health.

Exclusive to the 'Colonist.'

Second Dispatch.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Following is the passenger list by steamer North Pacific for Port Townsend, Seattle, Steilacoom, Olympia and Victoria:—Mrs. Rosefield and two children, Mrs. Pardo and two children, Mrs. R. C. Truman, Hon. John H. Taylor, (Member of Congress from New York) Hon. S. Sutton, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Gove, Mr. and Mrs. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soule, Mrs. Hammett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jennings, Mrs. Towers, Mrs. Farham, Miss Trobb, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Capt. Boyd and wife, M. J. Goldsmith and wife, and Messrs. Adam Glendene, George Sinclair, Anthony Kendra, R. Drappen, M. Hutchinson, J. D. Murphy, H. Fisher, Shattuck, J. B. Roach, C. H. Simmons, John M. McBride, Henry Moore, Henry Shields, A. G. Bateman, A. G. Albrecht, C. Cunningham, C. H. Chamberlain, Charles H. Eonis, J. P. Homen, J. Albrecht, Robert Lindley, E. W. Wright, J. R. Williams, James J. Moore, A. E. Whiting, Frank Kelly, Geo. F. Franklin, L. O. Gilbert and child and sixty-eight others.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Canada.

HALIFAX, June 13.—A meeting of miners was held to-day to consider the removal of duty on United States coal.

The Record reports on good authority that after the treaty of Washington has been ratified by the Queen, the naval command on this station will be reduced to a Commodore, and no longer be a rendezvous for vessels. It also says that Sir John Hall, now a member of the Admiralty, will be First Commodore.

QUEBEC, June 13.—Hon. H. L. Langevin, in a public address here to-day, alluded to the Treaty of Washington. He said that the Canadian Government energetically protested to the home Government against the clauses concerning the fisheries. The reply was the British Empire required that the Commissioners should sign the treaty, but the right of the Dominion to reject the clauses affecting its interests was reserved. It remained for the Imperial Government to show why the objectionable clause should be accepted, and the inducements there were for Canada to acquiesce in it.

TORONTO, June 13.—Sir John A. Macdonald is expected here in a few days, when he will publicly and fully define his position on the treaty of Washington, Gladstone having spoken and Parliament considered the bill.

Novel Theories in Fruit Culture.

A book recently published on apple culture recommends:—

1st. A careful selection of the largest and plumpest seeds from the finest fruit and always of the most thrifty kinds of apples.

2nd. To make a hole by driving a pointed stake a foot or two into well prepared ground where the future tree is to stand.

3rd. Fill this hole with rich compost and drop into it a seed—or perhaps, two, to make sure of one growing.

4th. When the young plant is a year or two old graft it carefully with the kinds of fruit you desire.

In this way the most thrifty, fast-growing and long-lived trees may be secured, one of which, the author thinks, will be better worth \$5 than an ordinary nursery tree is worth a 2-bt. piece. His theory is that a tree whose taproot is cut can never do so well afterward—and the cutting of the other roots, necessary in moving, renders the case still worse.

He thinks more especially that root-grafted trees prove abortives, as they never have a natural root at all. The roots of a young tree as it grows are much larger than its head, but when transplanted the proportion is reversed, which gives it a shock from which, he thinks, it never completely recovers.

The above theory holds good in peach and we believe in most kinds of nuts, which do not stand transplanting well, but appears so thrifty that they sometimes need root-pruning to make them bear.

The same writer has an elaborate treatise on pruning, illustrated with pictures. The common way of pruning an apple tree into the form of a bowl is emphatically condemned as quite unsuitable to a climate where the sun's rays are so strong as that of America—and equally does he condemn the way of trimming the limbs so as to leave only the branches and foliage at the ends. This makes a tree all green round its circumference, but all bare poles within. His plan is to train the tree from the beginning to one upright stem, with side branches above one another hanging out on all sides—a shape not natural to most kinds of apples.

A still more profound writer says that pruning of almost any kind is tree-murder and that nearly all our orchards die of the saw and the knife. Except in very rare cases, or to take off dead branches, he leaves the tree just to grow as it likes and has the most healthy and productive trees imaginable. This plan entirely sets at rest the vexed question respecting the proper season for pruning, and we cannot help thinking that it is just about right. There must be, this writer says, an equilibrium between roots and branches and between leaves and fruit; and this equilibrium, he thinks, nature establishes if man do not derange it.

The International Boat Race.

The men of the St. John's crew who are to compete with the Tyne crew in the last week of August next, have commenced active training, and although since their defeat last fall they have lost the confidence of their fellow citizens and the betting on their rowing ability will probably not be very heavy, they feel quite confident of a victory, claiming that in waters to which they are accustomed and where there are no chances of a rough surface, they will have a better show than on such billows as at their former contest with the Tyne crewmen. The stakes are the same as at Lachine last fall and the distance is again six miles. The articles of agreement between the two crews were drawn up in St. John about six weeks since and forwarded to England, where they were promptly signed by the Tyne crew and returned by the next mail. The contest is expected to be one of great interest and will probably attract a large crowd to St. John. The week after the St. John race a high carnival will be commenced in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to last five days, on the second day of which there will be a four-oared race of six miles for \$3000 in gold, open to the whole world, and in which both the English and St. John's crews will take part, and it is also stated that an American crew has been made up and is training to take a hand in. There will also be a single scull race for \$500 and the championship of the world, in which the leader of the Tyne crew will compete.—St. John News.

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Let the sick and suffering try them without delay.

Get your boots and shoes at O. A. Noltemier's, next door to the St. Nicholas Hotel, Government street, as he is selling them remarkably low.

THE SUNNYSIDE.—Mrs. McDonnell has added a spacious restaurant to the Sunnyside Lunch room and is now fully prepared to supply meals at all hours to an unlimited number of guests.

FILL'S COFFEE, superior to any other manufactured on the Coast, may be obtained of all respectable dealers throughout the Colony.

Go to David Green's if you want a coat Made of wool, from the finest sheep or Cashmere goat.

Or the best fitting pants, or the nicest vest—There's where you will always get the very best.

He has all kinds of goods that gentlemen need, Cloth, silk, cashmere, velvet linen and tweed—if you'll all get a suit and plunk down the cash he'll sell to you cheap if it breaks him to make!

A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel and opposite the Colonist Office, on Government street, fourth door from Yates, where he proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

SOOTHY HOUSE.—A. McLean & Co. are just opening a splendid assortment of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Boots made expressly to their order, which they offer at a small advance on English cost.

MILLINERY.—By last steamer a first class milliner arrived from Europe for the London House.

REMEMBER THE FATE OF ABRAHAM.—Fred Payne, Tonsorial Artist. Shaving 12½ cents Hair Cutting 25 cents, Shampooing 25 cents That Original Cheap Shaving Shop stand on the sunny side of Johnson street.

Auction Sales.

PUBLIC AUCTION AT COMOX.

Executor's Sale.

Estate of James McNish, Deceased.

Will be sold by Public Auction, on the premises, THURSDAY, JULY 6th all the Personal Effects of the said deceased, comprising:

12 MILCH COWS,
1 PAIR WORK OXEN,
1 BULL,
12 STEERS,
5 HEIFERS,
PIGS, POULTRY,
CARTS,
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12 do TIMOTHY, do
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Terms Cash.

ADAM G. HORNE,
Sole Executor.

Victoria, V I, June 16 1871. j-17

Field's Oysters.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed agent for the Pacific Coast of the above favorite brand of oysters, now offer the same to the trade in lots to suit.

These Oysters are this year's packing and are of the best quality and are guaranteed to be equal in weight as well as in quality to any in the market.

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10 cs Bunham & Morrill's Lobsters 2lbs

5 cs Bunham & Morrill's Green Corn 2lbs
10 cs Brinkley's Green Peas, 2lbs
25 bxs Kingsford's Corn Starch 20lbs ea
25 bxs do Pare do 12lbs ea
25 bxs Eastern Cheese

7 cs California do
25 cs Davoe's Coal Oil
5 bales Straw Paper
100 mats China Rice
10 kegs French Prunes
25 cs Assorted Spices

Etc., Etc., Etc.

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PLUMMER & PAGDEN, Auctioneers, APPRAISERS, ACCOUNTANTS & COMMISSION AGENTS, WHARF ST, VICTORIA.

BE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE taken the large building on Wharf street, opposite the lot of Yates street. From their lengthened experience in the above branches of business, and by the public support. Stocks, Stock in Trade, or Furniture purchased for Cash. Liberal advances made on Consignments. Books kept or audited, balance sheets made out, etc., etc. Agents prepared and general accountants' business conducted. Satisfactorily transacted. apd 1a.

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